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Application No. 09/758,927
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 26, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPEAL BRIEF

A Supplemental Appeal Brief was filed on March 2, 2007 in response to a Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed January 9, 2007. There is no evidence on the record indicating that the Examiner has considered the Supplemental Appeal Brief in accordance with 37 CFR CFR § 41.43.

Since the Supplemental Appeal Brief was filed to comply with the requirement of the Summary of Claimed Subject Matter, specifically mapping the independent claims to the specification, the Examiner may acknowledge the Supplemental Appeal Brief on a PTOL-90.

Consideration and acknowledgment is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) consider and acknowledge the Supplemental Appeal Brief filed March 2, 2007; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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